

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/659,673

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-26.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 02-13-2004, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-26 are allowed.

Reasons for allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claim 1, 14-15 and 26, the reference of Hamalainen (U.S. Pub. No. 20030021243) teaches for downlink power control, the quality measurements (i.e. quality monitoring, via quality indicators) used to determine how to adjust the transmit power for transmitting to the mobile are performed in the mobile. Outer loop power control can be made in the mobile or in the radio network controller (RNC) for the serving base station based on information passed to the RNC via the serving base station. The SIR measurement module compares the SIR of the DL signal to an SIR target, and based on the comparison, issues a power control command to the serving base station transceiver 12 to increase or decrease transmit power. A common way of determining whether to increase or decrease the SIR target is to simply check whether the received frame or TTI (transmission time interval) had errors. This can be done for example by using CRC checks (see page 2, section [0026]). However, the reference of Hamalainen and the prior art of record fail to disclose, the method of controlling transmission power to adjust the step size of a target signal-to-interference ratio (SIR) to

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compensate for channel conditions affected by block error rate (BLER), the method comprising: in a settling state, initializing a plurality of parameters including (i) an inner loop settling time, (ii) a steady state step size, (iii) a transient state step size and (iv) a transmission timing interval (TTI) count; in the settling state, incrementing the TTI count until the product of the TTI count and the length of TTI is greater than the inner loop settling time; in a transient state, adjusting the target SIR based on the occurrence of a cycle redundancy check (CRC) and at least one step size parameter; and in a steady state, adjusting the target SIR based on a CRC and at least one step size parameter, as cited in claims 1, 14-15 and 26.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tan Trinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-7888. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiners supervisor, Anderson, Matthew D., can be reached at (571) 272-4177.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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